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Abbrevi

initiative *n* (1793) 1: an introductory step (took the ~ in attempting to settle the issue) 2: energy or aptitude displayed in initiation of action: ENTERPRISE (showed great ~) 3 a: the right to initiate legislative action b: a procedure enabling a specified number of voters by petition to propose a law and secure its submission to the electorate or to the legislature for approval — compare REFERENDUM 1 — on one's own initiative: at one's own discretion: independently of outside influence or control

initia-tory *\i-ni-sh(ə)-ə-tōr-ē, -tōr-ə\ adj* (ca. 1615) 1: constituting a beginning 2: tending or serving to initiate

in-ject *\in-jekt\ v* [L *injectus*, pp. of *inicare*, fr. *in-* + *jacere* to throw — more at JET] (1601) 1 a: to introduce into something forcefully (~ fuel into an engine) b: to force a fluid into (as for medical purposes) 2: to introduce as an element or factor in or into some situation or subject (condemning any attempt to religious bigotry into the campaign — *Current Blog*) — **in-ject-able** *\jek-tə-bəl\ adj* or *n* — **in-jector** *\in-jekt-ər\ n*

in-jectant *\in-jekt-ənt\ n* (1950): a substance that is injected into something

in-jection *\in-jek-shən\ n* (15c) 1 a: an act or instance of injecting b: the placing of an artificial satellite or a spacecraft into an orbit or on a trajectory; also: the time or place at which injection occurs 2: something (as a medication) that is injected 3: a mathematical function that is a one-to-one mapping — compare BIJECTION, SURJECTION

injection molding *n* (1932): a method of forming articles (as of plastic) by heating the molding material until it can flow and injecting it into a mold — **injection-molded** *adj*

in-jec-tive *\in-jek-tiv\ adj* (1952): being a one-to-one mathematical function

in-joke *\in-jök, -jök\ n* (1964): a joke for or about a select group of people

in-judicious *\in-jü-'di-shəs\ adj* (1649): not judicious: INDISCREET, UNWISE — **in-judicious-ly** *adv* — **in-judicious-ness** *n*

in-junc-tion *\in-jəŋ(k)-shən\ n* [ME *injunction*, fr. MF & LL; MF *injunction*, fr. LL *injunction*, *in-* + *injurere* to enjoin — more at ENJOIN] (15c) 1: the act or an instance of enjoining: ORDER, ADMONITION 2: a writ granted by a court of equity whereby one is required to do or to refrain from doing a specified act — **in-junc-tive** *\jəŋ(k)-tiv\ adj*

in-jure *\in-jūr\ v* **in-jured**; **in-jur-ing** *\in-jūr-ŋ\ v* [ME *injurere*, fr. MF *injurere*, fr. LL *injurare*, fr. L *injuria* injury] (15c) 1 a: to do an injustice to: WRONG b: to harm, impair, or tarnish the standing of c: to give pain to (~ a person's pride) 2 a: to inflict bodily hurt on b: to impair the soundness of c: to inflict material damage or loss on — **in-jur-er** *\in-jūr-ər\ n*

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in-juri-ous *\in-jūr-i-əs\ adj* (15c) 1: inflicting or tending to inflict injury: DETRIMENTAL (~ to health) 2: ABUSIVE, DEFAMATORY (speak not ~ words — George Washington) — **in-juri-ously** *adv* — **in-juri-ous-ness** *n*

in-jur-y *\in-jūr-ē\ n*, *pl* -ries [ME *injurie*, fr. L *injuria*, fr. *injurus* injurious, fr. *in-* + *jur*, *jus* right — more at JUST] (14c) 1 a: an act that damages or hurts: WRONG b: violation of another's rights for which the law allows an action to recover damages 2: hurt, damage, or loss sustained **syn** see INJUSTICE

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in-kle *\in-kəl\ n* [origin unknown] (1541): a colored linen tape braid woven on a very narrow loom and used for trimmings; also: thread used

in-king *\in-kiŋ\ n* [ME *ynking* whisper, mention, prob. fr. *in-* + *king* hint at; akin to OE *inca* suspicion] (1513) 1: a slight indication; suggestion: HINT, CLUE (there was no path—no ~ even of a track — *New Yorker*) 2: a slight knowledge or vague notion (had no faintest ~ of what it was all about — H. W. Carter)

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city *n* (1961): the usu. older, poorer, and more densely populated central section of a city — **inner-city** *adj*

di-rect-ed *\i-nər-də-'rek-təd\ adj* (1950): characterized by right and action by one's own scale of values as opposed to the scale of others

ear *n* (ca. 1923): the essential organ of hearing and equilibrium; also: the part of the temporal bone, is innervated by the trigeminal nerve and includes the vestibule, the semicircular canals, and the cochlea

light *n*, often *cap* I&L (1856): a divine presence or doctrine) to enlighten and guide the soul

most *\i-nər-mōst\ adj* (14c): farthest inward: INMOST

planet *n* (1951): any of the planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune

product *n* (ca. 1911): SCALAR PRODUCT

space *n* (1958): 1: space at or near the earth's surface 2: one's inner self

spring *\i-nər-'sprɪŋ\ adj* (1928): having coil spring

tube *n* (1895): an airtight rubber tube inside a pneumatic tire

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